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APPLICATION OF CELLCO PARTNERSHIP :
d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS FOR A :
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL : DOCKET NO. 518
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR :
THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE :
AND OPERATION OF A WIRELESS :
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT :
1191 TERRYVILLE ROAD IN BRISTOL, :
CONNECTICUT : AUGUST 10, 2006

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NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO C.G.S. § 16-50I(e)

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50I(e), attached are materials which Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Cellco”) is required to provide to the Siting Council (“Council”) in connection with Cellco’s proposed wireless telecommunications facility on property owned by the Pequabuck Golf Club of Bristol, Inc., 1191 Terryville Road, Bristol, Connecticut (the “Bristol West Facility”). These include:

- A. All materials provided to the City of Bristol; and
- B. A summary of the consultations with the City of Bristol, including any recommendations on the proposed telecommunications facility.

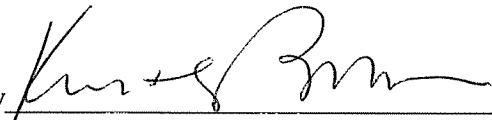
A. Materials Provided to the City of Bristol

Technical information dated May 26, 2006, prepared by Cellco. This information includes a description of the proposed wireless facility, the need for such facility and the description of other sites considered, but found to be unacceptable. Copies of the technical information were submitted to the Council as a Bulk File Exhibit on July 27, 2006.

B. Summary of Municipal Consultations

1. On May 26, 2006, Cellco representatives met with Bristol Mayor William T. Stortz to kick-off the municipal consultation process for the Bristol West Facility.
2. On June 7, 2006, Bristol's City Planner Alan Weiner offered comments on the Bristol West tower proposal to Mayor Stortz. A copy of those comments are attached.
3. Between June 1 and July 7, 2006, Cellco representatives had a number of telephone conversations with Bristol's City Planner, Alan Weiner. In response to Mr. Weiner's request, Cellco flew a balloon at the proposed tower site on July 7, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a
VERIZON WIRELESS

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City of Bristol

BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT 06010

DATE: June 7, 2006

TO: Mayor William T. Stortz

FROM: Alan L. Weiner, City Planner *ALW*

RE: Proposed Cellco Telecommunications Tower, Pequabuck Golf Club

I have reviewed the proposal by Cellco Partnership (d/b/a Verizon Wireless) to install a telecommunications tower and associated equipment at the Pequabuck Golf Club on Terryville Avenue in Bristol, as detailed in the technical information accompanying the May 26, 2006, letter to you from Attorney Kenneth Baldwin of the law firm of Robinson & Cole. My comments are as follows:

As noted by Attorney Baldwin in his letter, the most significant potential land use impact of the proposed tower is likely to be its visibility on the landscape. The Viewshed Map included in the report indicates that, because of conditions such as topography and existing vegetation, the proposed tower will be visible from a number of locations within the city (which is perhaps one of the reasons why the tower is proposed to be "disguised" as a flag pole). In order to allow us to evaluate the potential visual impact of the tower, I would recommend asking Cellco to tether a weather balloon or similar device at the proposed location for a short period of time at the proposed maximum height of the tower. The tethered balloon could then be viewed from a variety of locations and the degree of visibility of the proposed tower gauged accordingly. This technique is often (and effectively) used to help people visualize the height of telecommunications towers and similar structures; a project representative has already indicated to me a willingness on the part of Cellco to perform this test if the city requests it. (You may recall that such a test was conducted by AT&T in 2003 to allow the city to evaluate the visual impact of a telecommunications tower then proposed on Terryville Avenue in the vicinity of St. Joseph Cemetery.)

You should also be aware that Section 16-501(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes gives a municipality in which a telecommunications tower is proposed the authority to "conduct public hearings and meetings as it deems necessary for it to advise the applicant of its recommendations concerning the proposed [telecommunications] facility." To that end, I would suggest that you and the City Council consider taking advantage of this statutory provision and sponsor a public information meeting at which Cellco could present its proposal and interested citizens could ask questions and offer public input to city officials. If you and the Council decide to initiate such a meeting, I would suggest that the aforementioned balloon test be conducted prior thereto to afford everyone the opportunity in advance of the meeting to see firsthand the potential visual impact of the proposed tower.

Once a decision has been made as to how to proceed (if at all) on this matter, I would be glad to advise Cellco and its representatives of your decisions and make any necessary arrangements to follow up on them on your behalf. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

cc: Walter Veselka, Director of Public Works
Attorney Kenneth Baldwin, Robinson & Cole
Sandy Carter, Verizon Wireless